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LINKING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE WITH INTERNET NOD
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications had drawn up ambitious scheme to link the telephone exchanges with internet NOD for providing uninterrupted high speed service; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) The Department of Telecom Operations has planned to set up a National Internet Backbone (NIB). This backbone, to start with, will have a capacity of 8 Mega bits per second (Mbps) and go upto 155 Mbps. Initially 34 Mbps connectivity is planned to the International Gateways at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Calcutta, Bangalore and Pune. National Internet Backbone, to start with, will cover 45 stations for which equipment has been received and installed. It will be progressively extended to cover all the Secondary Switching Areas. The Internet nodes under NIB will support dial-up connectivity from the telephone exchanges.